

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING POST OFFICE PROTOCOL 3
SUPPORT FOR LIMITED STORAGE DEVICES**

5 A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for
managing electronic mail messages from a post office
protocol 3 server. Header information for electronic
messages is retrieved on the post office protocol 3
server to form retrieved header information. An attribute
file is updated in which the attribute file includes an
10 indication of whether an electronic mail message has been
read. The attribute file contains attributes on a per
message basis in a preferred embodiment of the present
invention. A mail list is presented on a display using
the retrieved header information and the attribute file.
15 Responsive to a selection of an electronic mail message
from the mail list, the electronic mail message is
retrieved and presented.

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